

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 are pending, with Claims 1 and 5 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 4 through 7, and 9 through 12 have been amended.

The specification amendments presented in the last amendment have been re-presented, with corrected pages and lines. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

The title has been amended as kindly suggested in the Official Action, as required.

The specification was objected to and has been amended as kindly suggested in the Official Action.

Claims 1 through 12 again were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,184,922 B1 (Saito, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,912 (Greening, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 variously recite, inter alia, that the recording unit is not capable of separating from the image capture apparatus, with starting of output in response to the instruction of starting recording so that the external storage device can start recording the image and sound data and stopping outputting to the external storage device in response to the instruction of stopping recording so that the external storage device can stop recording.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Saito, et al. nor Greening, et al., even in the proposed combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1 and 5. It is also respectfully submitted that there

has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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